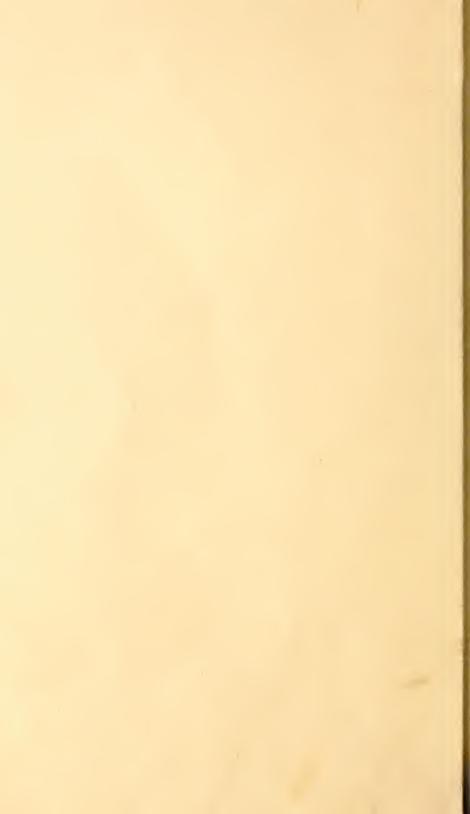
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THE ADULTERATION AND MISBRANDING OF THE SEEDS OF RED CLOVER, KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS, ORCHARD GRASS, AND HAIRY VETCH.

During the calendar year 1911 seeds of red clover, orchard grass, Kentucky bluegrass, and hairy vetch were secured in the open market in accordance with the following paragraph in the act of Congress making appropriations for the Department of Agriculture:

Where such samples [seeds of grasses, clover, or alfalfa secured in the open market are found to be adulterated or misbranded, the results of the tests shall be published, together with the names of the persons by whom the seeds were offered for sale.

In carrying out the provisions of this act 1,548 samples of seed were secured and analyzed under the direction of Mr. E. Brown, Botanist in Charge of the Seed Laboratory, and publication is here made of the analyses of 250 samples found to be adulterated or misbranded, together with the names of the seedsmen by whom they were offered for sale.

## RED CLOVER.

During the year 510 samples of red clover seed were secured, none of which were found to be adulterated or misbranded.

## ORCHARD GRASS.

Of the 305 samples obtained as orchard grass seed, 28 were found to be adulterated with seed of meadow fescue, rye-grass, or other seeds.

Table I.—Results of tests of samples of seed obtained in the open market as orchard yruss seed and found to be adulterated or misbranded.

Seed offered for sale or sold as orchard grass by—			Seeds and inert matter found upon analysis of samples.			
Name of dealer.	Address	Seed obtained by—	Or- chard grass seed.	Rye- gress and mead- ow fescue seed.	Other	Dirt an l chaff.
Provento Garat Garat	000 04 4 04 4 37 4 43	26. 21 (	Per ct.	Per ct.	Per et.	Per ct. 34, 18
Brown's Seed Store	223 State Street, New Albany, Ind.	Mail (sample)	52. 24			
Do	do	Purchase (bulk).	45.75		a 10° (a)	35. 23
Cone, J. H. & W. E	87 Asylum Street, Hart-	Mail (sample)	65. 22	21.84	. 59	12, 35
D.	ford, Conn.	The state (1-11-)	64, 97	23, 47	. 78	10.80
Do Harnden Seed Co	FOE Wolnut Street Lange	Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample).	55. 82	29, 19	. 59	14, 40
manuel seed Co	505 Walnut Street, Kansas City, Mo.	man (sample).	(3(7, %)	200, 100		84. 40
Do	do	Purchase (bulk).	2, 17	92. 15	1_73	8 95
	do		32, 99	54.79	1. 59	10.63

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Chess, 9.09 per cent.

<sup>2</sup> Chess, 3.48 per cent. Smooth chess, 7.01 per cent.

of hairy vetch is not harvested with the seed of the cultivated forms of spring vetch.

Table III.—Results of tests of samples of seed obtained in the open market as hairy vetch seed and found to be adulterated or misbranded.

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Seed offered for sale or sold as hairy vetch by—		Seed obtained	Analysis of samples.	
Name of dealer.	Address.	by—	Hairy vetch.	Other vetches.
			Per cent.	Per cent.
Adams Seed Co., T. Lee. Archias Seed Store	417 Walnut Street, Kansas City, Mo 108 East Main Street, Sedalia, Mo 2015 First Avenue, Birmingham, Ala	Purchase (bulk).	80.67	100.00 19.33
Parhar & Bro	2015 First Avenue, Birmingham, Ala	Mail (sample)	88, 33	11.67
Bornard Co W W	100 West Vingis Street Chicago III	Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample)	90.00 63.67	10.00 36.33
Do Barnard Co., W. W Do Barrett Co., W. E Bash & Co., S.	do. 65 Canal Street, Providence, R. I. Fort Wayne, Ind. 103 Federal Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. do. Clinton, N. J.	Purchase (bulk).	64.00	36.00
Bash & Co., S.	Fort Wayne, Ind	Mail (sample)	69.34 83.00	30.66 17.00
Do	do.	Purchase (bulk).	50.34	49.66
Do	dodo	Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk).	82.33 84.34	17.67 15.66
Bellis & Son, L. B	Clinton, N. J.	Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk).	86.33 79.00	13.67
Bolgiano & Son, J	Light, Pratt, and Ellicott Streets, Balti-	do	51.00	13.67 21.00 49.00
Brown Seed Co., Alfred J.	more, Md. Ottawa and Louis Streets, Grand Rapids, Mich.	Mail (sample)	86.67	13.33
Do Brown's Seed Store	dodo223 State Street, New Albany, InddodoRockford, Illdodo	Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample)	87.34 43.00	12.66 57.00
Do Buckbee, H. W	dodo	Purchase (hull-)	i 51 00 '	49.00
Buckbee, H. W	Rockford, Ill	Mail (sample)	84. 67 89. 00	15.33 11.00
Do Buist Co., Robert	do	Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk) Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk)	93.00	7. 00 53. 66
D0	do 105 North Second Street, St. Louis, Mo	Mail (sample)	46.34 42.33	53.66 57.67
Do	dodo	Purchase (bulk).	46.67	53.33
Do	1082 Main Street, Hartiord, Conndodo.	Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk).	90.34 87.00	9.66 13.00
Cassel & Son, F. P	do. Lansdale, Pa. do. Lous Go. Lous Main Street, Hartford, Conn do. Lansdale, Pa. do. Rockford, Ill. Mount Gliead, Ohio 104 South Front Street, Memphis, Tenn.	Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk).	92.34 86.00	7.66 14.00
Condon Bros.	Rockford, Ill	do	47.67	52. 33 16. 33
Craig & Co. R. G.	Mount Gilead, Ohio	Mail (sample)	83.67 74.50	16.33 25.50
	312 Broadway, Milwaukee, Wis	Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk).	79.34	20.66
Currie Bros	312 Broadway, Milwaukee, Wisdodo	Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk).	84.53 85.33	15. 47 14. 67
Do Davis Co., Zack	Delaware, Ohio	Mail (sample)	34.67	65.33
Des Moines Seed Co Dickinson Co., Albert	409 East Fifth Street, Des Moines, Iowa. West Taylor Street and River, Chicago, III.	Purchase (bulk)do. Mail (sample)	35.34 77.67 93.67	64. 66 22. 33 6. 33
Do	do	Purchase (bulk).	81.67	18.33
Dunning & Co., R. B.	do. 1428 East Main Street, Richmond, Va 54 Broad Street, Bangor, Me	Mail (sample)	75.00 90.33	25.00 9.67
Do		Purchase (bulk).	73.00	27.00
Elliott & Sons, Wm Do Ewing Seed Co	42 Vesey Street, New York, N. Ydo	Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk).	86.80 80.33	13. 20 19. 67
Ewing Seed Co	309 Second Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn.	do	88. 33	11. 67
Farquhar & Co., R. & J.	6 Courth Manirot Ctroot Dogton Mage	Mail (sample)	79.33	20.67
DoFerry & Co., D. M	Detroit, Mieh.	Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample)	79. 67 91. 67	20.33 8.33
Do Field Seed Co., Henry.	Chanandach Tawa	Purchase (bulk).	68.00	32.00
Do .	do	Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk).	94. 33 86. 33	5. 67 13. 67
Do	Detroit, Michdo. Shenandoah, Iowado Cortland, N. Ydo	Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk).	89. 33 71. 00	10.6 <b>7</b> 29.00
Frost, David C	758 West Short Street, Lexington, Ky	do	43.33	56.67
German Nurseries	Beatrice, Nebr	do	67.00 56.33	33.00 43.67
Do Great Northern Seed Co	Dool-ford III	Purchase (bulk).	75.33	24.67
Do	do.	Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk).	84. 38 80. 34	15. 62 19. 66
Gregory & Son, J. J. H. Grey & Co., Thomas J. Do.	do Rockford, III do Marblehead, Mass 32 South Market Street, Boston, Mass do	Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk).	73. 67 87. 33 89. 67	26. 33 12. 67 10. 33
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Table III.—Results of tests of samples of seed obtained in the open market as hairy vetch seed and found to be adulterated or misbranded—Continued.

Seed offered for sale or sold as hairy vetch by—		Seed obtained	Analysis of samples.		
Name of dealer.	Address.	by—	Hairy vetch.	Other vetches.	
Griswold Seed Co  Do Guelf's Seed Store Do Gurney Seed & Nur-	Lincoln, Nebrdo. Brockport, N. Ydo. Yankton, S. Dak.	Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk)do.	Per cent. 90. 48 89. 33 68. 00 75. 00 63. 34	Per cent. 9.52 10.67 32.00 25.00 36.66	
Gurney Seed & Nur- sery Co. Hanssen's Sons, Louis.	213 West Second Street, Davenport, Iowa.	Mail (sample)	82. 33	17.67	
Do	do. 505 Walnut Street, Kansas City, Mo do.	Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk).	73.33	26. 67 100. 00 100. 00	
Harris Co., Joseph Do. Hastings, H. G. Harvey Seed Co	Coldwater, N. Y.	Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk)do	87.33 89.00 77.34	12. 67 11. 00 22. 66	
Harvey Seed Co Heldt Co., The Do Hitchcock & Son, L. H.	16 West Mitchell Street, Atlanta, Ga 65 Ellicott Street, Buffalo, N. Y 1401 Main Street, Evansville, Inddo. 126 Second Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn.	Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample)	68.00 90.67 72.67 57.00	32.00 9.33 27.33 43.00	
Do	dodo	Purchase (bulk)do do Mail (sample)	57. 33 73. 67 80. 33 67. 34	42. 67 26. 33 19. 67 32. 66	
Hunkel Co., G. H. Iowa Seed Co. Johnson Seed Co	do. 327 Chestnut Street, Milwaukee, Wis 613 Locust Street, Des Moines, Iowa 217 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pa do	Purchase (bulk)dodododo Mail (sample)Purchase (bulk)	67. 33 89. 00 36. 00 87. 00 72. 67	32. 67 11. 00 64. 00 13. 00 27. 33	
Do. Kendel, A. C. Koss, Theo. Do. Lee, Arthur G. Leifer Bros. Seed Co	2010 Ontario Street, Cleveland, Ohio 488 National Avenue, Mflwaukee, Wisdo. Fort Smith, Ark 104 East Markham Street, Little Rock,	Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk)do Mail (sample)	83.34 77.54 79.00 51.33 90.00	27. 33 16. 66 22. 46 21. 00 48. 67	
Do	do	Purchase (bulk).	87.34	10. 00 12. 66	
Louisville Seed Co Do McCain Grocery Co	104 South Second Street, Louisville, Kydo Fourth and Main Streets, Pine Bluff,	Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample)	33. 46 24. 67 80. 56	66. 54 75. 33 19. 44	
Do McCullough, J. Charles.	Ark do	Purchase (bulk).	84.33 82.67	15.67 17.33	
McCullough's Sons Co., J. M.	Ohio. 316 Walnut Street, Cincinnatil Ohio	Mail (sample)	34.87	65. 13	
Do	140 East Pearl Street, Jackson, Mich	Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample)	78.33 78.67	21. 67 21. 33	
Do Maule, William Henry. Do Mayo, D. R.	1707 Filbert Street, Philadelphia, Pado.	Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk).	71.33 16.00 85.33	28, 67 84, 00 14, 67	
Muzzy Bros	615 Gay Street, Knoxville, Tenn. 316 Pearl Street, Sioux City, Iowa. 136 Main Street, Paterson, N. J. do	dododo	82.33 69.00 82.67 71.67	17. 67 31.00 17. 33 28. 33	
Nashville Seed Co Nebraska Seed Co	Church and Walnut Streets, Nashville, Tenn. 1208 Jones Street, Omaha, Nebr:	Mail (sample)	43. 67 75. 00	56. 33 25. 00	
Noll & Co., J. F. Northern Seed Co.	Newark, N. J Valley City, N. Dak	Purchase (bulk)do. Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk).	78. 67 86. 67	21. 33 13. 33 100. 00	
DoOhio Valley Seed CoOzark Seed Co	513 Sycamore Street, Evansville, Ind 209 West Commercial Street, Springfield, Mo.	Mail (sample)	58. 33 69. 67	100. 00 41. 67 30. 33	
Pease Grain & Seed Co. Do	do 718 South Sixth Street, Beatrice, Nebr do 115 St. Clair Street, Toledo, Ohio.	Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk)do	59.00 95.00 70.34 80.33	41.00 5.00 29.66 19.67	
Philipps Seed & Implement Co., Henry. Philipps & Co., William T.	519 Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio	Mail (sample)	80. 67	19.33	
Do	Sherman, Tex.	Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample)	76.34 50.33	23.66 49.67	
Do	do	Purchase (bulk)	41.33	58.67	

Table III.—Results of tests of samples of seed obtained in the open market as hairy vetch seed and found to be adulterated or misbranded—Continued.

Seed offered for sale or sold as hairy vetch by—		Good obtained	Analysis of samples.		
Name of dealer.	· Address.	Seed obtained by—	Hairy vetch.	Other vetches.	
Platt Co., Frank S Prunty, Charles E Do.	350 State Street, New Haven, Conn	Purchase(bulk). Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk).	Per cent. 76.00 22.00 16.33	Per cent. 24.00 78.00 83.67	
Rapier Grain & Seed Co.	Ostronshoro KV	Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk).	87. 00 32. 33 53. 67	13.00 67.67 46.33 21.66	
Reeves Co., Robert C Do Ross Brothers	do. Wichita, Kans.	Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample)	78.34 86.00 82.00	21.66 14.00 18.00	
Do	dodams Street, Peoria, Illdo	Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk).	79.67 83.34 88.33	20.33 16.66 11.67	
St. Louis Seed Co	Fourth Street and Lucas Avenue, St. Louis, Mo.	Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk).	86.67 82.00	13.33	
Saul, Charles F	220 James Street, Syracuse, N. Ydo.	Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample)	78.00 86.00 77.67	22.00 14.00 22.33	
Schisler-Corneli Seed Co Do Schwill & Co., Otto	do 10 South Front Street, Memphis, Tenn	Purchase (bulk).	87.34 87.67	12.66 12.33 17.33	
Do. Scott & Son, O. M. Do. Shaeffer, W. E.	do. Marysville, Ohio .do. 22 Market Street, Lockport, N. Y	Purchase (bulk) Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk)	82. 67 80. 67 88. 67	19.33 11.33	
Shuptrine Co	Savannah. Ga	Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk).	64. 67 75. 00 64. 67	35.33 25.00 35.33	
Do	dodo 1119 Peach Street, Erie, Pado. Sioux City, Iowa	Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample)	49. 52 35. 00 58. 33	50.48 65.00 41.67	
sery Co. Do. Snow, Harvey B	Camden, N. Y	Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample)	62.67 81.33	37. 33 18. 67	
DoSouthwestern Seed Co	18 West Center Street, Fayetteville, Ark.	Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk).	83. 33 78. 00 73. 67	16.67 22.00 26.33	
Sprecher & Ganss Do	31 East King Street, Lancaster, Pado	Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk)do	45. 33 34. 00 85. 67	54.67 66.00 14.33	
Steckler Seed Co. (Ltd.),	field, Mo. 512 Gravier Street, New Orleans, La	Mail (sample)	76.00	24.00	
Do Stumpp & Walter Co	do 50 Barclay Street, New York, N. Y dodo.	Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk).	78. 33 91. 33 87. 00	21. 67 8. 67 13. 00	
Tait & Son, George Theilman Seed Co	78 Commercial Place, Norfolk, Va. 1517 State Street, Erie, Pa. 617 N. Fourth Street, St. Louis, Mo.	do	85.00 65.67	15.00 34.33 17.00	
Tinsley Seed Co	Dauphin and Royal Streets, Mobile, Ala.	Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample)	83.00 87.67 92.00	12. 33	
Corporation. Do Vaughan's Seed Store	do	Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample)	88.00 89.33	12.00 10.67	
Vick's Sons, James Warner Bros	187 East Main Street, Rochester, N. Y 114 East Wayne Street, South Bend, Ind.	Purchase (bulk)do Mail (sample)	86.34 34.33 30.00	13.66 65.67 70.00	
Do Weeber & Don Do	114 Chambers Street, New York, N. Y.	Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk).	91.67 86.67	61.33 8.33 13.33	
Willet Seed Co., N. L Do	do. 849 Broad Street, Augusta, Ga. do. 219 East Jefferson Street, Louisville, Ky. do.	Mail (sample) Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample)	36.67 32.00 41.67	63. 33 68. 00 58. 33	
Do. Do. Woodruff & Sons, F. H.		Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample).	47.33 37.00 69.67	52, 67 63, 00 30, 33	
Do Wysong, Adolphus Do	Milford, Conn do Lebanon, Ind do	Purchase (bulk). Mail (sample)	80.00 86.00	20. 00 14. 00 12. 00	
Yopp Seed Co., M. J	124 South Second Street, Paducah, Ky	Purchase (bulk)do	88. 00 83. 00	17.00	

Hairy vetch seed was collected for the first time in 1911 and the proportion of adulterated or misbranded samples was found to be greater than was the case when either orchard grass, Kentucky bluegrass, redtop, alfalfa, or red clover was collected for the first time. Of the vetch seed in the purchased bulks reported in this circular only 55.9 per cent was hairy vetch seed capable of germination. This is a comparatively new crop adapted to use over a large part of the United States and under many conditions it is the best leguminous winter cover crop known. It is unfortunate that the more general use of this plant should be restricted not only by the high price of the seed but by the fact that it is adulterated and of low vitality.

During the eight years since this work was authorized the names of 370 dealers who have sold or offered for sale adulterated or misbranded seeds have been published. Of these 1 has been published five different years, 4 have been published four years, 23 three years,

and 84 two years.

As has been formerly stated in its publications, the Department of Agriculture will examine and report promptly as to the presence of adulterants and dodder in any samples of seed submitted for that purpose. According to the location of the sender these may be submitted to the Seed Laboratory at Washington, D. C., or to any of the following laboratories maintained through the cooperation of this Department: Branch Seed-Testing Laboratory, Agricultural Experiment Station, Columbia, Mo.; Branch Seed-Testing Laboratory, Agricultural Experiment Station, Baton Rouge, La.; Branch Seed-Testing Laboratory, Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Oreg.; Branch Seed-Testing Laboratory, Purdue University, La Fayette, Ind.; Branch Seed-Testing Laboratory, California Agricultural Experiment Station, Berkeley, Cal.

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